

WEEK of 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Late last week Pope Francis approved the beautification of Brother James Miller (1944-1982) who was killed “in hatred of the faith.” Miller joined the Brothers and taught in high schools in the Midwest. He felt called; however, to serve as a missionary in Central America. Brother James worked in Nicaragua where he helped build ten rural schools. Transferred to Guatemala, he worked at a school in Huehuetenango which also had a boarding school for *indigeno* boys from the many Mayan villages in the mountains.

This was a period of great political and military repression of the poor. Students of the Lasallian schools would be regularly rounded up by the army to force them to serve. The authorities were angry that the Brothers would go to the barracks to demand their return.

Brother James (Hermano Santiago) could have escaped to safety. Death threats had been made against all foreign religious. Instead, he chose to stand with the students he served. He wrote to his family: *“Aware of numerous dangers and difficulties, we continue working with faith and hope and trusting in God’s providence. ... I pray to God for the grace and strength to serve him faithfully among the poor and oppressed in Guatemala. I place my life in his providence. I place my trust in him.”* While fixing a wall outside of the boarding school, Brother James was gunned down by three masked assassins.

The life of Brother James is reminiscent of the gospel story of the widow’s gift. Although she gave only two small coins, she impressed Jesus because it was all that she had. While Brother James would be mystified at being called a saint, he gave all that he had in service to God and his children. May we be given the grace to love our students so much that we are willing to lay down our lives for them.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for the good example of Blessed Brother James Miller;
- God’s blessings on veterans and their families as well as those who are currently serving;
- God’s blessings on the basketball seasons;
- That our nation may now unite after the national election;
- The needs of our students, staff, and families this fifth week of the second quarter;
- Those migrating in the Americas and around the world;
- Our young men consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Two of our teachers in need of healing after surgery: Adriana Zavala and Ulli Reichenbach;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;



- Those in need of healing; the mother of Jeannette Peterson; our students: Zachary Bowling, Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno; Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, CHS mother Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;
- Families undergoing divorce;

KUDOS and THANKS:

Thank you to the many **Cathedral alumni** who have served and continue to serve in **the armed forces**. Although still a very small school when World War II erupted, over 200 alumni served. It is a selfless legacy which has continued.



Coach Jack White with former swimmer and assistant coach, Todd Roberts

Kudos to the **Irish Swim Team** for being honored at this year's **Sun Bowl Thanksgiving Day Parade**. This year's theme, *Amazing Feats*, celebrates exceptional accomplishments by local El Pasoans. The 33-year legacy of state championships certainly warrants that moniker. The team has been invited by Sun Bowl CEO Bernie Olivas '71 to walk the parade route and be recognized. Congratulations to **Coach White!** The Parade will be live streamed on www.elpasoproud.com/sun-bowl-thanksgiving-parade.

Congratulations to the seniors who were accepted to **Saint Mary's University of San Antonio** and were awarded **\$417,000 in scholarships**. Recipients were: **Omar Arroyo, Brandon Martinez, Gary Philip Porras, Dylan Whitfield, Jorge Higuera-Munoz, Mario Porras, Noah Baeza de la Paz, Nicholas Veytia, DJ Sanchez, Andres Negrete, Bernardo Barnett, Benito Fernandez, Raul Flores, German Tirado, David Escoto, Diego Alvarez, Omar Reyes, Edward Porras, Ivan Vargas, and Vinicio Carrera.**

Thank you to all of the **sophomore families** who attended the presentation on Thursday night by EA Director **Mr. Lizanckie** and the EPCC representative.

We're also grateful to **Enrico Hernandez** from the **Delasalle Institute** who visited on Wednesday to discuss finances.

Thank you to the **Contreras family** for the gift of tables and chairs which have transformed empty space into study areas.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays** this week:
 Sunday, 11 November: **Francisco Meouchi, Xavier Navarro, Andres Lopez (Campus Minister)**
 Wednesday, 14 November: **Samuel Lopez**
 Friday, 16 November: **Oscar Lopez, Ms. Shashy (Environmental Systems)**
 Saturday, 17 November: **Joseph Farrish**

NEWS YOU NEED:

Veterans' Day is on Sunday, 11 November. It is also the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

The **safety of the students** entrusted is of paramount importance to our staff. We will have a **lock-down drill** between now and Christmas break. Our faculty have been trained and areas of concern have been addressed. **Mr. Sanchez** has invited law enforcement officials to attend the drill to help us learn how we can better ensure student/staff safety.

- Among some of the precautions we take are: guests having to be buzzed in through a magnetic door, a part-time security guard, and monthly fire drills.

Our **Campus Ministry Office** is coordinating a **drive** to benefit immigrants arriving in the borderland. Donations can be brought to **Mr. Lopez'** office on the third floor. Interested families may donate some of the following items:

- New **socks** (Men, Women, Children)
- New or Used **Jeans** (Men, Women, Children: Small and Medium sizes, no large sizes please)
- Travel size **toiletries** (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, moisturizing cream, and combs)
- **Medication** for Adults and Children (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, cough medicine)
- **Linen** (twin sheets, pillow cases, towels).



Mr. Meyers tutors Precalculus and Calculus in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Irish Basketball has its' first **freshmen, JV and Varsity home games** in the Houghton MPB on **Tuesday**.

- Students attending the game are encouraged to have a **white out** (wear a white top).
- All students are encouraged to wear **blue and gold** during the school day to show support for the team.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 14th, at 5:00 PM** in the library for the **seniors and their parents** who are registered to go to **Canada in March 2019 during spring break**. There are about five spots open for any senior who would still like to go. The deadline to register November 20th.

Cafeteria Concepts will be serving a **Thanksgiving lunch** this **Thursday**. It will consist of roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potato, green beans, gravy, and pumpkin pie. The cost is \$6.50 per person with a beverage. Parents are invited to join their sons for lunch.

The **retreat** for the **sophomore class** will be this **Friday** at **Saint Stephen's Parish** (1700 George Dieter). Details will be given out through Religion II classes. A list of **student leaders** will be sent out to faculty by **Mr. Lopez**. The location has changed as Martyr's Hall at the diocesan center has been transformed into a temporary shelter for immigrants. You can learn more about the parish at <http://www.ststephendeaconandmartyr.org/>.

CHS will be hosting a **youth group** from Pecos, TX, who will be attending the **El Paso Southwest Youth Conference** on November 16-18 at the El Paso Coliseum. **Father Fabian Marquez**, the Bishop's liaison for youth, made the request. You can learn more about the event at <https://www.epsync.org/>.

Looking ahead:

Our **Thanksgiving Holiday Break** will be from **Wednesday – Friday (November 21-23)**.

First semester exams will be Wednesday through Friday, December 19-21.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

CHS Alumni Association Board Elections: The Association all spirited alumni to consider carrying on the traditions of past years and improve the organization with new approaches. If you would like to serve on **the Alumni Board of Directors**, they would love to see your name on the list of nominees for the coming term. Nominations have to be in by **17 November**. If you have any questions, you can call me JD Douglass (329-5342), Andy Portillo (581-0893) or Rene Valenzuela (471-7660). Nominations can be submitted via internet to andresportillo90@yahoo.com.

The December meeting of the CHS Alumni Association will be on Saturday, **December 1st**, in the Guerca Auditorium. Traditionally, the Association invites all alumni and their families to attend a **menudo breakfast**. It begins at **8:30 AM**. Come reconnect with old friends and make new ones during the holiday season!

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD

